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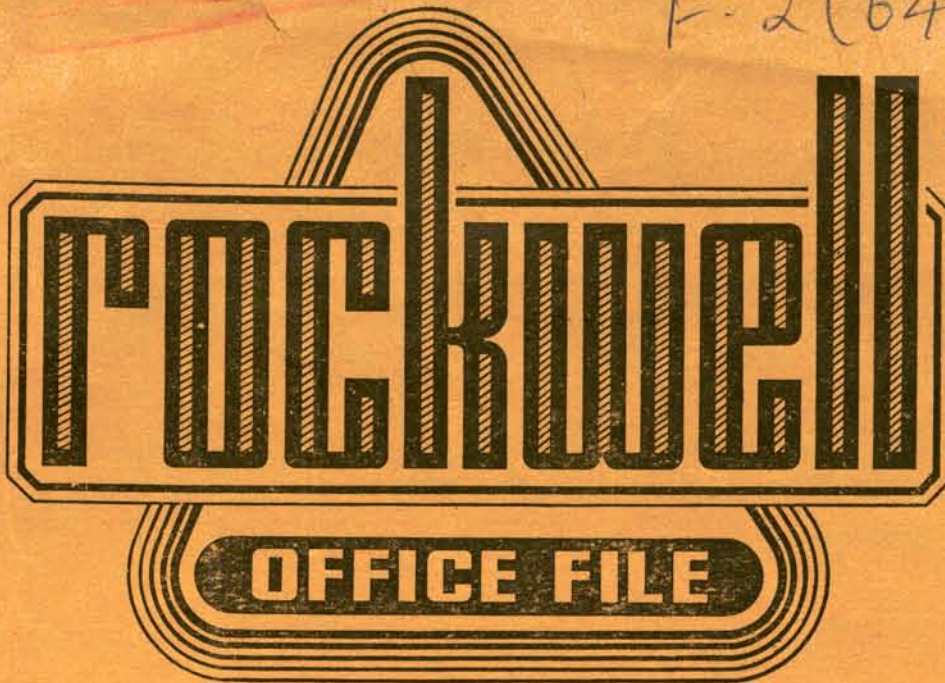
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The question seeks detailed information as to whether a treasure box belonging to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was brought to India some years ago and in what circumstances, its custody since then and whether the box was recently opened and details thereof.

Receipt of
the treasure
box in India

2.1 In 1951 the Head of the Indian Liaison Mission in Tokyo was contacted by some Indians who were associated with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. They informed him that they were in possession of some gold and jewellery which, they stated, had been collected from the plane which crashed with Netaji. The Head of the Indian Liaison Mission was also informed that in addition to the gold and jewellery, they were also in possession of Yen 20,000 (then equivalent to Rs.265 and annas 10 only).

2.2 On instructions from the then prime Minister, the Head of the Indian Liaison Mission in Tokyo kept this gold, jewellery and cash in our Mission until further instructions.

2.3 After the signing of the peace Treaty with Japan, these articles were sent to Delhi in November 1952 through an official of the Government of India. They were delivered to the Ministry of External Affairs, who retained them temporarily. On December 30, 1953 the gold and jewellery were handed over to the National Museum for safe custody. The cash amounting to Rs.265 and annas 10 was, with the approval of the then prime Minister, transferred to the INA Relief Fund on December 16, 1954.

Observations
of the Shah
Nawaz Khan
Committee and
the Khosla
Committee.

3.1 The Netaji Inquiry Committee under the Shah Nawaz Khan had made certain observations on the treasure although this was not one of the terms of reference of the Committee. Chapter VI of the Committee's Report is devoted to this subject. According to

one witness before the Committee to the box had been tampered with, was much lighter in weight and less than half full, and that the valuables remained with Shri Ramanurthi from 1945 to 1951 (in Tokyo). According to the Committee, it was far from clear as to what was collected from the airfield after the crash of Netaji's plane, whether there was any subtraction and who took delivery of the treasure in Tokyo and when, and that it was not possible to come to any definite conclusion about the treasure. As mentioned in the preceding paragraph, eventually the treasure was brought to India and deposited with the National Museum. An extract of Chapter VI of the Committee's report is attached at appendix I.

3.2 The G.D. Khosla Committee's observations on this subject are very brief : The valuables scattered in the airfield when the plane crashed and some of the articles were damaged. Whatever valuables were there were gathered and placed in a box which was sent to Tokyo along with the casket containing Netaji's ashes; this box was taken charge of by Mr. Ramanurthi and handed over to the Indian Mission in Tokyo.

3.3 The Shah Nawaz Khan Committee had the box containing the treasure opened and examined the contents twice. According to the Committee the estimated value of the contents (then) was Rs.1 lakh.

4.1 In the context of these observations which were brought to prime Minister's notice, he wished to know whether the treasure box was still in the National Museum and what the contents and the value were. Accordingly the Department of Culture was asked to have the box opened and the contents evaluated.

5.1.1. The sealed diplomatic bag containing the INA treasure was opened on 9th October 1978 under instructions of Shri A.S. G. V. Additional Secretary, Department of Culture in the presence of

prime
Minister's
orders to
open the
box and
evaluate
contents

Opening
of the box
and evalua-
tion of
contents

following:-

1. Shri A.S. Gill, Additional Secretary
2. Shri M.N. Deshpande, DG, Archaeological Survey of India
3. Shri C. Sivaramamurti, former Director, National Museum
4. Dr. P. Banerjee, Assistant Director, National Museum.
5. Shri I.B. Mathur, Keeper (L&E), National Museum
6. Dr. N.R. Banerjee, Director, National Museum.

5.1.2 Shri K.P. Balakrishnan, Director (Establishment) and Shri Atish Sinha, Under secretary respectively of the Ministry of External Affairs joined later and left before the contents were sealed again.

5.2.1 The seal of the cloth bag was broken and the bag was seen to contain a steel suitcase. The suitcase was thereupon opened with the key tied to the seal with the diplomatic bag and it was found to contain (a) 13 packages in yellow envelopes, (b) 2 in brown paper, (c) 1 in a small gunny bag and (d) 1 in a cloth bag, making a total of 17 packages. The individual packages had not been sealed; but the small gunny bag and the small cloth bag and 2 brown packages bearing nos. 2 and 6 respectively, and 4 yellow envelopes, bearing nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 were found tied simply with a string.

5.2.1. In the course of the opening, a knob of the handle of the box gave way because of the weight of the contents though the lock and seal were intact.

5.2.3. The packages were thereafter opened, one after another, in the serial order. They were also photographed in the course of the opening, showing the contents of each bag by Shri J.C. Arora, photographer of the National Museum (~~vide album and list~~).

5.2.4. The diplomatic bag contained a Pan American World Airways luggage identification tag in the name of "DAMLE" with a rubber stamp to say "This bag weighed at Tokyo".

5.3 The contents of the packages are described below. They were all found in damaged condition owing to burning, as well as twisted, sometimes broken, and many of them formed into lumps or conglomerates. All the wrist watches are badly charred. All of the materials, except the contents of package No.15 are in charred condition, obviously due to burning.

Package No.1:

The contents(damaged) are mostly rings of gold without stones and approximately of 16 to 22 carat. All the objects have turned black.

1. Rings and portions of Rings	114	
2. Miscellaneous pieces(non-rings)	6	
Total:	120	(Total net weight 389.5 grams).

Package No.2:

The contents(damaged) are mostly bracelets, i.e., churis and Karas, besides

1. Watches (completely damaged)
 2. Brooches, including one in the shape of a Charkha
 3. pendants
 4. Metals
 5. A lid of a golden case
 6. Chain of a necklace in 2 portions and
 7. Insignificant portions of other materials
- On one piece of bangle there were 2 stones fixed.
- (Total net weight 3.054 kg)

Package No.3

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Coins
2. Charm pendants
3. Bangles
4. Shield-shaped discs for necklace
5. Lower part of a golden case of oval shape
6. Bangles - 8
7. Miscellaneous pieces
8. 2 pieces coin of 1942

The contents (damaged) include an American gold coin mounted as a pendant, a French 5 francs gold coin mounted as a button and one victoria coin of 1876. (Total net weight 318 grams).

Package No.4:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Medal showing the etched figure of an owl with wings outspread. It is damaged and a part of it is missing.	-	1	
2. Rings	-	2	
3. Chain for a wrist watch	-	1	
4. pendant with round (ghungru) balls	-	1	
5. Gadrooned beads of a mala (necklace)	-	36	
6. Ear-rings (studs)	-	33	
7. Miscellaneous pieces (These comprise 2 gold pieces, 1 gold leaf and 4 studs)	-	16	
8. Non-gold pieces	-	4	
9. Concavo-convex beads	-	2	
10. Square table shield	-	1	(Total net
11. piece of glass	-	1	weight
			318 gms)

Package No.5:

This package contains a lot of ear-studs, almost all with white settings (pearls/chemical/diamonds) and very few with red settings, though some of the settings are missing, and all of them are damaged;

Total;		234	
Rings (fragments)	-	10	(Total net
(of these 2 rings are with white settings and 2 have got emmeshed into each other)			weight
			628 gms)

Package No.6:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Non-gold medal	-	1
2. <u>Churis</u> and <u>Karas</u> , mostly broken	-	
3. Medal with a portion of chain	-	1
4. Ear-rings	-	2
5. Ear-studs	-	1

6. wrist watch (watch strap with watch frame)	-	2 pieces	
7. Crescent-shaped brooch with floral filigree work in high relief	-	1	
8. Long chain for pocket watch	-	1	
9. piece of a Chain	-	1	(Total net weight
10. Miscellaneous	-	15	1656.5 gms)

Package No.7:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Miscellaneous pieces			
2. 5 Franc (France) pieces of 1864	-	2	
3. shirt button studs	-	3	
4. Ear-studs			
5. Ear-rings			
6. pendants			(Total net weight
7. Fragments of objects			812 gms)
8. Nose ring with a conical floral stud			

package No.8

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Ear-studs	-	117	
2. Rings (2 are fragmented)	-	5	
3. Fragments of ornaments	-	23	(Total net weight
4. stones loose	-	4	425.6 gms)

Package No.9:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. wrist-watch straps			
2. Neck collar			
3. Rings (1 with <u>cabochan</u> ruby)			
4. Ear-rings			
5. Bangles	-	2	(Total net weight
6. Fine gold strips (one is in good condition)			307.5 gms)

Package No.10:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Ear-studs	-	97	
2. Galloping figure of horse used as Charm (copper)	-	1	
3. Rings	-	7	
4. Miscellaneous	-	19	(Total net weight
5. Fragments of stones	-	9	419.7 gms)
Total:		<u>133</u>	

Package No.11

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Rings (some with stones including blue sapphire, ruby and diamonds)	-	39	
2. screw (non-gold)	-	1	
3. Gadrooned beads	-	1	
4. Design for a rattle-shaped ear-ring	-	1	
5. Nose ring	-	1	
6. Ear stud	-	1	
7. Ear-ring hanging	-	1	(Total net weight 101 gms)
Total:		<u>45</u>	

Package No.12:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. plain signet rings (some with monograms and enamel work unset)	-	29	
2. Chain	-	1	
3. Miscellaneous (these comprise)	-	11	
(1) part of a chain			
(2) hanging ear-rings with settings			
(3) 1 ear-stud with stone			
(4) nose ring with setting			
(5) fragments of ornaments			
4. Rings with stones missing	-	8	
5. Rings set with stones, mostly white including 1 blue sapphire and 3 red stones.	-	17	(Total net weight 205.0 gms)
Total:		<u>66</u>	

Package No.13:

The contents (damaged) are:

1- Cuff-links (1 pair)	-	2	
2. Rings with white setting	-	2	
3. shirt buttons	-	10	
4. Ear studs	-	1	
5. Hanging ear-ring	-	14	
6. portion of a Chain	-	1	
7. Golden screw	-	1	
8. <u>Karna-phool</u>	-	1	
9. Heart-shaped pendant	-	1	
10. stones	-	6	(Total net weight 46 gms)
11. Gold wire	-	1	
Total:		<u>40</u>	

Package No.14:

The contents (damaged) are:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Hanging ear-rings | - | 9 |
| 2. Cylindrical hollow bead with pointed spikes for neck | - | 1 |
| 3. Hollow bead-cylindrical, with projections | - | 1 |
| 4. Loose stones | - | 6 |
| 5. Non-gold metal pieces | - | 4 |

(Total net weight 50.5 grams)

Total: 21

Package No.15:

(Ayer's lot)

The contents are:

Gold Nuggets (only these are in good condition in the whole lot)

- 9 (24 carat)

(Total net weight 300.5 grams)

Package No.16:

(Gunny bag)

The contents (damaged) are:

- | | | |
|--|---|----|
| 1. paper knife of copper with handle gilded of wayang motif | - | 1 |
| 2. Cigarette case of silver with 4 edges studded with square blue sapphire and rubies engine-turned) | - | 1 |
| 3. Iron nail | - | 16 |
| 4. Drawing pin | - | 1 |
| 5. Lead fragments | - | 3 |
| 6. Mixed Metal | - | |
| 7. Lump of several medals of the Azad Hind Fauj bearing the horse and rider motif | - | 2 |
| 8. Non-gold wrist watch strap | - | 2 |
| 9. Non-gold belt buckle with elephant motif | - | 1 |
| 10. Golden <u>churi</u> | - | 1 |
| 11. Miscellaneous gold objects | - | 21 |
| 12. Star-shaped metal <u>non-gold</u> | - | 1 |
| 13. frame of a wrist-watch | - | 1 |
| 14. pinnacle of <u>silver</u> | - | 1 |
| 15. Gilded hollow container resembling a cigarette lighter | - | 1 |

(Total net weight 3493.2 grams)

Total: 51

16. semi precious stones - 7

Total: 58

Package No: 17:

(Cloth bags)

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Ashes or dust or burnt earth containing fragments of stones, bones, fragments of ornaments and hinges etc.		
2. Azad Hind Fauj badges with pins some bearing (at least 2) the lettering 'Rani Jhansi paltan'	- 3	
3. Watches	- 7	
4. A lump of 4 watches and a gold ring	- 5	
5. Socket for a watch	- 1	
6. portions of a watch strap <u>non-gold</u>	- 3	
7. Lid of a round box for <u>sindoor</u> (vermilion) of silver with a design of <u>panigrahana</u> etched on it with a Bengali inscription reading <u>chirasukhi</u>		
8. paper knife of copper with handle of wayang motif	- 1	
9. star-shaped non-gold metal (white metal with an eagle motif at the top)	- 1	
10. Table spoon	- 1	
11. Butter knife bearing 2 letters in Japanese, Non-stain steel seiki plus the name of the firm in English	- 1	
12. Silver buckle with a figure of dancing lady	- 1	
13. Lower part of a square case of silver mutilated	- 1	
14. Folding type small penknife	- 1	
15. Handle of a safety razor of Hexagonal Crose-section.	- 1	
16. Compasses	- 2	
17. Divider	- 1	
18. Cigarette lighter (hollow type)	- 2	
19. Blower with three nozzles	- 1	
20. Buckles	- 4	
21. Rim in the shape of ring (non-gold)	- 1	
22. Unspent cartridge	- 1	
23. Brass case of a spent cartridge	- 1	
24. Non-descript fitting of a flask	- 1	
25. <u>Non-gold</u> finials	- 2	
26. Brass coat hook	- 1	
27. Iron nails	- 9	
28. Fragments of gold pieces	- 5	(Total net weight 966.5 gms)
29. A non-gold buckle with enamel work showing a <u>charkha</u> and 2 flags	- 1	
30. Non-gold metal pieces	- 10	
Total:	69	

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5.5.4. Thus the total valuation would be fixed approximately at Rs.5,05,000/-

5.5.5. An accurate valuation would require the separation of the stones from the golden objects, and of the flux of the aluminium like alloy, cleaning of the gold objects, melting them and weighing them together. This does not seem to be a practical proposition, as apart from the difficulty of separating the individual objects from a conglomerate, it may not be desirable to break-up the contents. A realistic assessment in the present condition may not, therefore, be possible.

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A comparative statement showing the weight of jewellery in the different packages as found on inspection on 9th October 1978 and as given by the Indian Mission Tokyo when the articles were received by them as attached at Appendix-II. There are minor differences between the two sets of weights which could perhaps be ascribed to the different weighing machines used with a gap of over 27 years. In regard to two items the difference is substantial - in package 2 (charred and broken bangles pins, bracelets, buckles etc) 1978 weight is about 500 grams more than the 1951 weight given by the Indian Mission, Tokyo, whereas in package 17 (Metals mostly base and dust) the 1978 weight is nearly 635 grams less than the weight given by the Indian Mission. The National Museum does not have any record of the weight of the items when received by them.

5.7. The packages were neatly packed again in envelopes tied carefully, placed inside the box and bag and once again sealed with the seal of the National Museum.

CHAPTER VI

TREASURE

ALTHOUGH in the terms of reference of the Committee, there was no mention of the treasure carried by Netaji on his last flight, in the course of their examination a number of witnesses spoke of the treasure. In fact, in Japan, to judge from newspaper articles, there was keen interest as to what happened to this treasure. In view of the public interest in the subject, and evidence given before them, the Committee feel that some mention should be made in this Report about this treasure.

2. It was the intention of Netaji to depend as little as possible on his Japanese allies, and to finance the Indian National Army from resources collected from Indian residents in South-East Asia. For this purpose, regular collection drives were made by Netaji and his lieutenants, and large funds were collected. A special committee called "Netaji Fund Committee" was established under the Minister of Revenue. Gold and other valuables were generously donated by Indians in South-East Asia. On the occasion of his Birthday in January 1945, Netaji was weighed against gold. Not only cash and valuables, but immovable properties used to be donated. Habib Sahib of Rangoon gave away at one time all his estate in landed property, cash and jewellery valued at Rupees one crore and three lakhs. In return he asked from Netaji a pair of khaki shirt and shorts, so that he might work for the Independence Movement (Page 160 of Major General A.C. Chatterjee's book India's Struggle for Freedom). The Funds of the Azad Hind Government were handled by the Azad Hind Bank. How much of the liquid assets were carried by Netaji during his retreat from Rangoon onwards, is not precisely known. Mr. Debnath Das says that at the time of the retreat from Rangoon, treasure valued at Rupees one crore, consisting mostly of ornaments and gold bars, was withdrawn from the Azad Hind Bank, and taken away packed in 17 small sealed boxes. General Rhonsle says that Netaji had brought with him to Bangkok gold ornaments and cash packed in six steel boxes. The jewellery was a gift from Indians in South-East Asia. He did not see the jewellery, and had no idea of its value. Mr. Dinanath, Chairman of the Azad Hind Bank, who was interrogated by the British Intelligence soon after the end of the war, had said that on the 24th April 1945 when Netaji left Rangoon, he took with him from the Bank 140 lbs. of gold. According to Pandit Raghunath Sharma, one of the leaders of the Indian Independence League at Bangkok, Netaji took with him gold and other valuables, which were collected from the people, of a total value exceeding Rupees one crore. That some valuables were carried by Netaji with him is clear from the evidence, but from the very start doubt and discrepancies creep in as to the size and value of the treasure. Pandit Raghunath Sharma has stated that the valuables were kept in 10 or 12 steel boxes - 13" X 12" X 10"; some a little smaller than others. General Rhonsle says that the contents of six steel boxes were re-packed in two canvas bags at the time of Netaji's departure. But Mr. Debnath Das has said that, before leaving Bangkok, the contents of the 17 treasure boxes mentioned by Mr. Das were re-packed in two ~~canvas bags~~ ~~large suit-cases~~ large suit-cases, 30" to 36" long. It is doubtful whether gold and ornaments of the value of Rupees one crore could be carried in two large leather suit-cases. Netaji's personal

valet, Kundan Singh, was examined by the Committee. According to him, the treasure was packed in 4 steel cases of different sizes - 20" X 13" X 16" and 12" X 6" X 6". He was present at the time when the boxes were checked before Netaji's departure from Bangkok. He says, "The boxes contained articles of jewellery which are commonly worn by Indian women such as chains of ladies' watches, necklaces, bangles, bracelets, earrings, etc. They were mostly of ladies. There were also pounds and guineas. There were some chains which had guinea pieces attached to them. There were small gold wires, but there were no gold bars . . . Besides these 4 boxes containing the treasure, Netaji's personal effects, and certain other valuable articles which he had brought from Singapore, were kept in a small leather attache case. These contained a gold cigarette case which was presented to Netaji by Hitler." Lt. Kunizuka of the Hikari Kikan who was constantly in touch with Netaji mentions that he was shown the valuables the same night, and agrees with Kundan Singh, although he does not mention the number of boxes.

3. On his last visit, Netaji made heavy payments both at Singapore and Bangkok. His Japanese Secretary and Interpreter, Mr. Negishi, says that before leaving Singapore, as ordered by Netaji, he withdrew from the Japanese Bank 8 crore yens out of a loan of 10 crores from the Japanese Government. It was drawn in paper money, and spent in payments to I.N.A. and civilian personnel. Mr. Debnath Das says that on the 17th August, just before leaving Bangkok, Netaji made large last-minute gifts of 1½ million ticals to Chulalongkorn Hospital and University and sanctioned two to three months' pay to all officers and men of the I.N.A. He adds that this was not paid out of the treasure brought from Burma, but from the funds of the Thailand Indian Independence League. The same witness has said that among the baggage of Netaji was a large suitcase containing documents and currency. The picture of the last hurried days is confused. It is not known how much Netaji withdrew, how much was spent, and how much in gold and jewellery he took with him. As documents were destroyed to avoid falling into Allied hands, reconstruction would be difficult. The only thing that can be said is that Netaji disbursed large amounts in the final stages, and took some valuables and ornaments, etc., with him. Netaji apparently did not want to take the treasure with him. According to the evidence of Pandit Raghunath Sharma, a few days previously Netaji had enquired of him whether he would take charge of the treasure to which Pandit Raghunath Sharma did not agree. Mr. Debnath Das has stated that again at Saigon Airfield Netaji proposed that he would leave the treasure behind. Mr. Debnath Das and Major Hasan did not agree to this, and so Netaji carried the valuables with him.

4. Indian and Japanese witnesses have all deposed clearly about the treasure in Saigon. The plane was held up for about half an hour, as the car carrying the boxes of valuables was delayed. All witnesses have stated that the number of cases which came out of the second car was two and they were hurriedly pushed into the plane, in spite of the protest of the pilot. General Isoda has said that Major Hasan rushed up to say that the two boxes containing presents to Netaji by 3 lakhs of Indians in East Asia had not arrived and so Netaji delayed departure by half an hour till the boxes came. General Isoda did not know what the boxes contained, but from what Major Hasan said he presumed that they contained gold and jewellery.

While most witnesses say that the boxes were leather suit-cases about 30" long, Captain Gulzara Singh and Col. Pritam Singh have said that they were wooden boxes of a smaller size. According to Mr. Negishi, he was told by some Hikari Kikan officers that Netaji's baggage included 150 kilos of gold bullion. He goes on to say that some of this treasure accompanied Netaji while the rest of it was left with the party at Saigon to meet various expenses. Be that as it may, it may be taken as conclusive, that from Saigon Netaji carried with him two large leather suit-cases about 30" long containing gold and valuables. While, as stated before, it may be discounted that the value was anything like Rupees one crore, there is no evidence on record which gives the details of the contents of the suit-cases, or any indication of their value.

5. The plane crashed at Taihoku on the 18th of August. Col. Habibur Rehman has stated that he enquired next day as to what happened to the baggage, particularly the two leather suit-cases which contained gold and jewellery. He was told that the plane was completely burnt, and with it the luggage, but some charred jewellery had been salvaged, and kept in safe custody at the Military Headquarters. The collection was done under the supervision of two Japanese Officers, Major K. Sakai, Officer in charge of the aerodrome defence, and Captain Nakamura alias Yamamoto, Officer in charge of the aerodrome. According to Major Sakai, when he came to the scene two hours after the accident, he found Captain Nakamura and his men collecting articles lying on the ground. As their number was insufficient, he lent 30 of his men. Captain Nakamura, on the other hand, says that on being asked by Lt. Col. Nonogaki, he asked his men to collect the valuables. He came and found Major Sakai's men under one Lt. Yamashida doing the collection. Both officers, however, agree that charred and blackened jewellery such as necklaces, rings, medals, etc., were collected. These were put in an 18-litre gasoline can, the top of which was sealed by means of strips of paper on which the officers placed their own seals. About the subsequent disposal there is a slight discrepancy. According to Major Sakai, the can of valuables was kept only one night under guard, and delivered the next day to Lt. Col. Shibuya at the Headquarters. On the other hand, Captain Nakamura says that the can was kept for 4 or 5 days in the air-raid shelter under guard, and thereafter delivered to Lt. Col. Shibuya. On the 5th of September, Col. Habibur Rehman was flown to Tokyo. With him went Lt. T. Sakai and Lt. Hayashida who had been detailed by the Army Headquarters, Formosa, to carry with them Netaji's ashes and his valuables. Major Sakai and Captain Nakamura alias Yamamoto have both spoken of an 18-litre gasoline can. Lt. Col. Shibuya, Staff Officer of the Headquarters, also mentions the can. Lt. Col. T. Sakai and Lt. Hayashida who speak of a wooden box.

(statement describes the container as ~~baggage~~ as ~~big~~ as an oil can. But Col. Habibur Rehman and →

6. The box of valuables was delivered on the evening of the 7th September at the Imperial General Headquarters, Tokyo. The Duty Officer, Major Kinoshita, who first received it, made over charge next morning to Lt. Col. Takakura. Both say that the box was a wooden box nailed down but not sealed. How a sealed gasoline can could become a nailed wooden box is not clear. According to Lt. Col. Takakura, on the 8th September morning he phoned Mr. Ramamurti who came with Mr. Ayer and took charge both of Netaji's ashes and valuables. Mr. Ramamurti

says that two or three days after his arrival in Tokyo (that would be 9th or 10th September), Col. Habibur Rehman asked him to bring the box of valuables, and Mr. Ramamurti accordingly went and brought it from the Imperial General Headquarters. The box was a heavy wooden box, and a porter was engaged to carry it. Col. Habibur Rehman says that a few days after his arrival in Tokyo, Messrs. Ayer and Ramamurti were called to the Imperial General Headquarters and the box containing the valuables was handed over to them. Mr. J. Murti corroborates his brother. Mr. Ayer does not say where the box was received, but indicates that in the last week of September he chanced upon Col. Rehman, Mr. Ramamurti and Mr. J. Murti cleaning and sorting out the charred jewellery in the house he and Col. Habibur Rehman were occupying. There are major discrepancies as to the date, and who received the box. While Mr. Ramamurti says that Col. Habibur Rehman satisfied himself that the box was indeed the same box that had been packed before him at Taihoku, Col. Habibur Rehman says that the seals of the box were broken; it appeared to have been tampered with, was much lighter and only half full. The contents were found to be ornaments of gold and precious stones, all charred, mixed and fused with metals and small bits from the wreckage. They were roughly separated into three lots, according to whether they contained more gold or base metal. Afterwards they were re-packed into a box and nailed. The weight of the valuables was found to be 11 kilograms. This was noted, and a rough list was made and signed by Col. Habibur Rehman, a photostat copy of which is enclosed (Annexure I). Col. Rehman left the valuables in the charge of Mr. Ramamurti to be handed over to any authority which arose in India in succession to Netaji's Movement. At the same time, Mr. Ayer left 300 grams of gold and 20,000 yens in cash with Mr. Ramamurti with similar direction. They did this in order to avoid the valuable properties from being confiscated by the Allies.

7. Mr. Murti kept the valuables with him from 1945 to 1951. Mr. Murti did not keep the money in a Bank. When asked, he said he did this so that the Occupation authorities, who would know of the assets of Japanese Banks, might not confiscate the valuables. He did not take any steps to contact any Indian authorities during all these years. In fact, there is reason to believe that he denied having the treasure with him. He made no attempt to contact even the Indian Mission in Tokyo. He says that he was in correspondence with Mr. Ayer and the latter had advised him not to take any action till the connected matter of Netaji's ashes was satisfactorily solved. Mr. Ayer came to Japan in 1951, and it was only then that Mr. Ramamurti acknowledged that the treasure with him, and expressed willingness to hand over the same to Indian Mission in Tokyo. He admitted that he had partly financed Mr. Ayer's trip to Japan. On his return to India, Mr. Ayer met the Prime Minister, and suggested that the treasure might be taken over by the India Government through the Indian Mission in Tokyo. The Prime Minister agreed to this and, on instruction from him, the treasure was taken over by the Indian Mission on the 24th September 1951. The First Secretary of the Mission, Mr. V.C. Trivedi signed the receipt on the copy of the

list made over by Col. Rehman to Mr. Ramamurti in 1945. On the same day, Mr. Ramamurti also handed over 300 grams of gold and 20,000 yens which had been left with him by Mr. Ayer. The valuables were again checked and weighed by the Indian Mission and the weight was found to be a little more than noted in Col. Rehman's original list.

8. The valuables were brought to India and have been kept in the National Museum at Rashtrapati Bhavan. As mentioned, the Committee inspected these valuables at the Museum. Their estimated value is Rupees one lakh. The Museum was inspected twice, and on the second occasion the Committee went along with Kundan Singh, Netaji's personal valet. As already mentioned in Chapter III, Kundan Singh identified a number of articles as belonging to Netaji. The articles found in the Museum were jewellery, and trinkets of the kind, which different witnesses have testified as gifts to Netaji from the Indian public in South-East Asia and which he carried with him on his last journey. It is evident that the charred and damaged pieces of gold and jewellery, etc., which are in the National Museum, formed part of Netaji's baggage in his last journey, which was salvaged from Taihoku Airfield and later recovered from Mr. Murti. It is also seen that what was handed over by Mr. Murti in 1951 tallied with the list signed by Col. Habibur Rehman in 1945. But it is not clear how much was carried by Netaji, and how much of it was recovered. Two suitcases in which Netaji took the valuables were not weighed. We have only the evidence of witnesses that they were fairly heavy. Only one witness, Lt. Col. Monogaki, has mentioned the weight as 20 kilos each. Only 11 kilograms of burnt-down jewellery mixed with base metal and ashes had been recovered. Quite clearly, the quantity that has been recovered is much less than what Netaji carried with him. There are a large number of gaps and discrepancies in the chain. It is not clear whether the plane was cordoned off immediately after the crash, and the collection of valuables begun under proper supervision. After it was collected, there is discrepancy as to whether it was left for some days in an air-raid shelter, or taken next morning to the Japanese Military Headquarters at Taihoku. There is doubt as to the container. Some say it was a gasoline can, while others say that it was a wooden box. If the gasoline can was originally filled and sealed, there is no evidence to show who opened it, and why, and put the contents again in a wooden box. The wooden box that was handed over in Tokyo to Mr. Ramamurti was not sealed, but only nailed. Whereas Major Takakura says that he handed over the box to Mr. Murti and Mr. Ayer along with the ashes, Mr. Murti says that only he was asked to come and take the box of valuables a few days after taking delivery of the ashes. Col. Rehman says that Messrs. Ayer and Murti went and brought the box from the Imperial General Headquarters. According to Mr. Ayer, he was not called, but came as if by accident, while Mr. Murti, his brother, and Col. Rehman were cleaning and sorting out broken pieces of jewellery. No receipt was taken or given by the General Headquarters. While Mr. Murti says that Col. Rehman was satisfied that the box was in the same order as he had packed it in Taihoku, Col. Rehman says that the box appeared to him to have been tampered with, much lighter in weight, and less than half full.

So it is far from clear as to what was collected from Taihoku Airfield, whether and when the container was changed, whether there was any subtraction, and who took delivery of it in Tokyo and when. From the evidence available to us, it is not possible to come to any definite conclusion about the treasure. If it is considered desirable to go more closely into the matter, it may be necessary to institute a separate enquiry, whose scope might well include not only the treasure that was carried by Netaji on his last journey and its recovery, but also examination of the entire assets and liabilities, in cash and kind, of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind. It is, however, not certain, how far such an enquiry would be profitable after this lapse of time, especially when such records, as they were, must have been largely destroyed.

Tokyo 15/11/45

To

Sri Ram Murti,

I am leaving with you three hundred (300/-) grammes of gold and yen twenty thousand. At a proper time and place, kindly hand over to the competent national authority which will undoubtedly one day come into existence to handle affairs arising as a sequel to the movement for India's Independence led by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in East Asia. The gold is in fact as I brought it from Saigon. The cash is balance after changing piastre into yen and meeting my expenses during my stay in Japan since August 22, 1945. The total in piastre and the exchange rate are shown in the bank slips.

Sd/- S.A. Ayer
15/11/45

To

Sri Ram Murti,
Chairman, IIL, Territorial Committee,
Japan.

Jai Hind.

I am leaving with you the following quantity of gold which was salvaged at Taiwan Formosa after the fateful air accident as a result of which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose expired at 9.00 P.M. on 18.8.46 in the hospital.

- | | | | |
|--|---|------|-----|
| 1. Comparatively pure gold in two wooden boxes and a paper wrapper | Kg. | gms. | |
| | 7 | - | 900 |
| | (Weight includes weight of gold and wooden boxes) | | |
| 2. One packet - Gold mixed with worthless metal, iron etc. | Kg. | gms. | |
| | 3 | - | 100 |
| | (Weight includes weight of gold, metal iron etc. and paper wrapper) | | |

2. Since this gold is mixed with other metals, etc. weight cannot be assessed at present. However, at a later date the arrangement for getting the purification of gold may please be made.

3. It is requested that this gold may please be handed over to a competent Indian authority who may be dealing with the affairs of the Indian Independence movement led by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in East Asia.

Jai Hind.

Sd/- Habibur Rehman.

APPENDIX-II

	<u>Weight indicated by Indian Mission in Tokyo. (24-2-1951)</u>	<u>Weight found on inspection on 9-10-1978</u>
Package 1	400 grams	389.5 grams
Package 2	2 kgs. 560 grams	3,054 xx kgs.
Package 3	325 grams	312 grams
Package 4	325 grams	313 grams
Package 5	700 grams	623 grams
Package 6	1 kg. 700 grams	1656.5 grams
Package 7	825 grams	812 grams
Package 8	425 grams	425.6 grams
Package 9	320 grams	307.5 grams
Package 10	425 grams	419.7 grams
Package 11	105 grams	101 grams
Package 12	200 grams	205.0 grams
Package 13	50 grams	46 grams
Package 14	50 grams	50.5 grams
Package 15	300 grams	300.5 grams
Package 16	3.500 kgs.	3493.2 grams
Package 17	1.600 kgs.	9665 grams

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EVALUATION
OF THE CONTENTS OF A SEALED BAG ASSOCIATED WITH
THE INA TREASURES STORES IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

The sealed diplomatic bag containing the INA Treasures was opened on 9.10.78, under the instructions of Shri A.S.Gill, Additional Secretary, Department of Culture in the presence of the following:-

1. Shri A.S.Gill, Additional Secretary
2. Shri M.N.Deshpande, Director General, Archaeological Survey of India
3. Shri C. Sivaramamurti, formerly Director, National Museum
4. Dr. P. Banerjee, Assistant Director
5. Shri I.D. Mathur, Keeper (L & E), and
6. Dr. N.R. Banerjee, Director, National Museum.

2. Shri K.P. Balakrishnan, Director(Establishment) and Shri Atish Sinha, Under Secretary, respectively, of the Ministry of External Affairs joined later, and left before the contents were sealed again.

3. The seal of the cloth bag was broken and the bag was seen to contain a steel suitcase. The suitcase was thereupon opened with the key tied to the seal with the diplomatic bag and it was found to contain (a) 13 packages in yellow envelopes, (b) 2 in brown paper, (c) 1 in a small gunny bag and (d) 1 in a cloth bag, making a total of 17 packages. The individual packages had not been sealed; but the small gunny bag and the small cloth bag and 2 brown packages bearing nos.2 and 6, respectively, and 4 yellow envelopes, bearing nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 were found tied simply with a string.

4. In the course of the opening, a knob of the handle of the box gave way because of the weight of the contents though the lock and seal were intact.

5. The packages were thereafter opened, one after another, in the serial order. They were also photographed in the course of the opening, showing the contents of each bag by Shri J.C.Arora, Photographer of the National Museum (vide album and list).

6. The diplomatic bag contained a Pan American World Airways luggage identification tag in the name of "DAMLE" with a rubber stamp to say "This bag weighed at Tokyo".

7. The contents of the packages are described below. They were all found in damaged condition owing to burning, as well as twisted, sometimes broken, and many of them formed into lumps or conglomerates. All the wrist watches are badly charred. All of the materials, except the contents of package No.15 are in charred condition, obviously due to burning.

Package No.1:

The contents(damaged) are mostly rings of gold without stones and approximately of 18 to 22 carat. All the objects have turned black.

1. Rings and portions of rings	114
2. Miscellaneous pieces (non-rings)	6
Total:	<u>120</u>

Package No.2:

The contents(damaged) are mostly bracelets, i.e., chris and karas, besides

1. watches (completely damaged)
 2. brooches, including one in the shape of a charkha,
 3. Pendants
 4. metals
 5. a lid of a golden case
 6. chain of a necklace in 2 portions and
 - 7, insignificant portions of other materials
- On one piece of bangle there were 2 stones fixed.

Package No.3:

The contents(damaged) are:

1. coins
2. charm pendants
3. bangles
4. shield-shaped discs for necklace
5. lower part of a golden case of oval shape
6. bangles - 8
7. miscellaneous pieces
8. 2 pieces coin of 1942.

The contents(damaged) include an American gold coin

mounted as a pendant, a ^{French} ~~fresh~~ 5 francs gold coin mounted as a button and one Victoria Coin of 1876.

Package No. 4:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Medal showing the etched figure of an owl with wings outspread. It is damaged and a part of it is missing - 1
2. Rings - 2
3. Chain for a wrist watch - 1
4. Pendant with round (ghungru) balls - 1
5. Gadrooned beads of a mala(necklace)-36
6. Ear-rings (studs) -33
7. Miscellaneous pieces (These comprise 16 2 gold pieces, 1 gold leaf and 4 studs)
8. Non-gold pieces - 4
9. concavo-convex beads - 2
10. square table shield - 1
11. piece of glass - 1

Package No.5:

This package contains a lot of ear-studs, almost all with white settings (pearls/chemical/diamonds) and very few with red settings, though some of the settings are missing, and all of them are damaged.

Total: 234

Rings (fragments) 10

(of these 2 rings are with white settings and 2 have got enmeshed into each other)

Package No. 6:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Non-gold medal - 1
2. Churis and karas, mostly broken -
3. Medal with a portion of chain - 1
4. Ear-rings - 2
5. Ear-studs - 1
6. Wrist watch (watch strap with watch frame) - 2 pieces
7. Crescent-shaped brooch with floral filigree work in high relief -
8. Long chain for pocket watch - 1

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| 9. Piece of a chain | - 1 |
| 10. Miscellaneous pieces | -15 |

Package No. 7:

The contents(damaged) are:

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| 1 | 1. Miscellaneous pieces | |
| | 2. 5 Franc(French) pieces of 1864 | - 2 |
| | 3. Shirt button studs | - 3 |
| | 4. Ear-studs | |
| | 5. Ear-rings | |
| | 6. Pendants | |
| | 7. Fragments of objects | |
| | 8. Nose ring with a conical floral stud | |

Package No. 8:

(damaged)

The contents/are:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------|
| 1. Ear-studs | -117 |
| 2. Rings(2 are fragmented) | - 5 |
| 3. Fragments of ornaments | -23 |
| 4. Stones loose | - 4 |

Package No.9:

The contents(damaged) are:

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 1. Wrist watch straps | |
| 2. Neck collar | |
| 3. Rings (1 with <u>cabochan</u> ruby) | |
| 4. Ear-rings | |
| 5. Bangles | - 2 |
| 6. Fine gold strips (one is in good condition) | |

Package No.10:

The contents (damaged) are:

- | | |
|---|-----|
| 1. Ear-studs | -97 |
| 2. Galloping figure of horse used as charm (copper) | - 1 |
| 3. Rings | - 7 |
| 4. Miscellaneous | -19 |
| 5. Fragments of stones | - 9 |

Total: 133

25

Package No.11:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Rings (some with stones including blue sapphire, ruby and diamonds)	- 39
2. Screw (non-gold)	- 1
3. Gadrooned beads	- 1
4. Design for a rattled-shaped ear-ring	- 1
5. Nose ring	- 1
6. Ear stud	- 1
7. Ear-ring hanging	- 1
Total	45

Package No. 12:

The contents(damaged) are:

1. Plain signet rings (some with monograms and enamel work unset)	- 29
2. Chain	- 1
3. Miscellaneous (these comprise)	-11
(1) part of a chain	
(2) hanging ear-rings with settings	
(3) 1 ear-stud with stone	
(4) nose ring with setting	
(5) fragments of ornaments	
4. Rings with stones missing	- 8
5. Rings set with stones, mostly white including 1 blue sapphire and 3 red stones	-17

Total:

66

Package No.13:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Cuff-links (1 pair)	- 2
2. Rings with white setting	- 2
3. Shirt buttons	-10
4. Ear studs	- 1
5. Hanging ear-ring	-14
6. Portion of a chain	- 1
7. Golden screw	- 1
8. <u>Karna-phool</u>	- 1
9. Heart-shaped pendant	- 1

10. Stones	- 6
11. Gold wire	- 1

Total: -40

Package No.14:

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Hanging ear-rings	- 9
2. Cylindrical hollow bead with pointed spikes for neck	- 1
3. Hollow bead-cylindrical, with projections	- 1
4. Loose stones	- 6
5. Non-gold metal pieces	- 4

Total: -21

Package No.15:

(Ayer's lot)

The contents are:

Gold Nuggets (only these are in good condition in the whole lot) -9 (24 carat)

Package No.16:

Gunny bag

apart from dust

The contents (damaged) are:

1. Paper knife of copper with handle gilded of Wayang motif	- 1
2. Cigarette case of silver with 4 edges studded with square blue sapphires and rubies engine-turned	- 1
3. Iron nail	-16
4. Drawing pin	- 1
5. Lead fragments	- 3
6. Mixed metal	
7. Lump of several medals of the Azad Hind Fauj bearing the horse and rider motif	
8. Non-gold wrist watch strap	- 2
9. Non-gold belt buckle with elephant motif	- 1
10. Golden <u>churi</u>	- 1
11. Miscellaneous gold objects	-21
12. Star-shaped metal <u>non-gold</u>	- 1

13.	Frame of a wrist-watch	- 1
14.	Pinnacle of <u>silver</u>	- 1
15.	Gilded hollow container resembling a cigarette lighter	- 1

Total: 51

16.	Semi precious stones	7
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Total 58

Package No. 17:

(cloth bag)

The contents (damaged) are:

1.	Ashes or dust or burnt earth containing fragments of stones, bones, fragments of ornaments and hinges etc.	
2.	Azad Hind Fauj badges with pins some bearing (at least 2) the lettering 'Rani Jhansi Paltan'.	- 3
3.	Watches	- 7
4.	A lump of 4 watches and a gold ring	- 5
5.	Socket for a watch	- 1
6.	Portions of a watch strap <u>non-gold</u>	- 3
7.	Lid of a round box for <u>sindoor</u> (vermillion) of silver with a design of <u>panigrahana</u> etched on it with a Bengali inscription reading <u>chirasukhi</u>	
8.	Paper knife of copper with handle of Wayang motif.	- 1
9.	Star-shaped non-gold metal (white metal with an eagle motif at the top)	- 1
10.	Table spoon	- 1
11.	Butter knife bearing 2 letters in Japanese, Non-Stain steel Seiki plus the name of the firm in English	- 1
12.	Silver buckle with a figure of dancing lady	- 1
13.	Lower part of a square case of silver mutilated	- 1
14.	Folding type small penknife	- 1
15.	Handle of a safety razor of Hexagonal cross-section	- 1
16.	Compasses	- 2
17.	Divider	- 1
18.	Cigarette lighter (hollow type)	- 2
19.	Blower with three nozzles	- 1

20.	Buckles	- 4
21.	Rim in the shape of ring(non-gold)	- 1
22.	Unspent cartridge	- 1
23.	Brass case of a spent cartridge	- 1
24.	Non-descript fitting of a flask	- 1
25.	<u>Non-gold</u> finials	- 2
26.	Brass coat hook	- 1
27.	Iron nails	- 9
28.	Fragments of gold pieces	- 5
29.	A non-gold buckle with enamel work showing a <u>charkha</u> and 2 flags	- 1
30.	Non-gold metal pieces	-10
	Total	<u>-69</u>

8. The group which examined the contents of the 17 packages was assisted by Shri Sultan Singh Backliwal, an eminent connoisseur of Gems and Jewellery and President of the Delhi Jewellers' Association and Shri Moti Chand, an Assayer, besides Capt.A, Mathews, Security Officer and Shri Aditya Narain, Dy.Keeper Prehistory.

9. The contents of the packages, including the packing materials, were separately weighed after they were opened by Shri A.S. Bisht, Chemist and Shri Surendra Pal Singh, Chemical Assistant of the National Museum. It is observed that the contents of package no.16(gunny bag) and package no.17 (cloth bag) are mostly non-gold pieces. The details of the weights are attached in a statement.(Appendix - I).

10. Package no.15 (Ayer's lot) contained 9 gold nuggets weighing 305 grams in all. The total value of these nuggets @ Rs.800/- per 10 grams for gold of 24 carat approximates to Rs.24,400 or 25,000 (round figures).

11. The net weight of jewellery materials in the other packages, i.e., 1 to 14 is as follows:

Package No.1	389.5 grams
Package No.2	1.66 kg. 1.18 kg. 0.214 kg.
Package No.3	318 gms
Package No.4	25 gms 293 gms
Package No.5	628 gms.

Package No. 6	44.5 gms 121 gms 575 gms 916 gms
Package No. 7	812 gms
Package No. 8	369 gms 43 gms 12.2 gms 1 .4 gms
Package No.9	57 gms 14.5 gms 17 gms 2.19 gms
Package No. 10	33.5 gms 19 gms 1.2 gms 366 gms
Package No.11	101 gms
Package No.12	44.5 gms 92 gms 44 gms 24.5 gms
Package No.13	43.5 gms 2.5 gms
Package No. 14	47.5 gms 1.5 gms 1.5 gms

8732.00 grams

12. Deducting approximately 10% to account for wastage and non-gold materials the total weight would come to (8732-873) 7859 or 7860 grams or 7900 grams in round figures.

13. The cost of 7900 grams at the rate of Rs.600/- per 10 grams of 18 carat gold (granting that 18 carat would approximately represent the different varieties of gold) would come to Rs.4,74,000/-.

14. The total value including that of the gold nuggets contained in Ayer's lot (vide para 10 above) would come to nearly Rs.5,00,000/-.

15. The golden (non-gold) articles contained in packages 16 and 17 may be estimated roughly at Rs.5,000/-.

16. Thus the total valuation would be fixed approximately at Rs.505,000/-.

17. An accurate valuation would require the separation of

the stones from the golden objects, and of the flux of the aluminium like alloy, cleaning of the gold objects, melting them and weighing them together. This does not seem to be a practical proposition, as apart from the difficulty of separating the individual objects from a conglomerate, it may not be desirable to break-up the contents. A realistic assessment in the present condition may not, therefore, be possible.

18. The list of packages found in the box tallies with the entries in the Accession Register of the National Museum (copy enclosed).

19. The packages were neatly packed again in envelopes, tied carefully, placed inside the box and bag and once again sealed with the seal of the National Museum.

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Record of the weights of the contents of the Diplomatic Bag relating to the contents of a sealed bag associated with the I.N.A. Treasures stored in the National Museum.

Package No. 1

Weight of Jewellery	= 389.5 gms
Extra Pkt.	= 13.7 gms
Envelope etc.	= 37.5 gms
Total	= 410.7 gms.

Package No.2

(i) Jewellery	= 1.66 kg.
(ii) Jewellery	= 1.18 kg.
(iii) Jewellery	= 0.214 kg.
Wrapper	= 0.0934 kg.
Total	= 3.1474 kg.

Package No. 3.

(i) Jewellery	= 318 gms.
(ii) Wrapper etc.	= 31.5 gms.
Total	= 349.5 gms.

Package No. 4

(i) Miniature Pots	= 25 gms.
(ii) Jewellery	= 293 gms.
Wrapper	= 38.9 gms.
Total	= 356.9 gms.

Package No. 5

(i) Jewellery	= 628 gms.
Wrapper	= 51 gms.
Total	= 679 gms.

Package No. 6

(i) Jewellery	= 44.5 gms.
(ii) Jewellery	= 121 gms.
(iif) (a) Jewellery	= 575 gms.
(b) Jewellery	= 916 gms.
Wrapper	= 67 gms.
Total	= 1.7235 kg.

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Package No. 7

(i) Jewellery	= 812 gms.
(ii) Wrapper	= 43 gms.
Total	= 855 gms.

Package No.8

(i) Jewellery	= 369 gms.
(ii) Jewellery	= 44 gms.
(iii) Jewellery	= 12.2 gms.
(iv) Jewellery	= 1.4 gms.
Wrapper	= 37.5 gms.
Total	= 464.1 gms.

Package No. 9

(i) Jewellery	= 57 gms.
(ii) Jewellery	= 14.5 gms.
(iii) Jewellery	= 17 gms.
(iv) Jewellery	= 219 gms.
Wrapper	= 44 gms.
Total	= 351.5 gms.

Package No.10

(i) Jewellery	= 33.5 gms.
(ii) Rings	= 19 gms.
(iii) Jewels	= 1.2 gms.
(iv) Other Jewellery	= 366 gms.
Wrapper	= 37 gms.
Total	= 456.7 gms.

Package No. 11

(i) Jewellery	= 101 gms.
(ii) Jewellery (stones)	= 9 gms.
Wrapper	= 31 gms.
Total	= 141 gms.

Package No. 12

(i) Jewellery	= 44.5 gms.
(ii) Jewellery	= 92 gms.
(iii) Jewellery	= 44 gms.
(iv) Jewellery	= 24.5 gms.
Wrapper	= 29.5 gms.
Total	= 234.5 gms.

Package No. 13

(i) Jewellery	= 43.5 gms.
(ii) Jewellery	= 2.5 gms.
Wrapper	= 30.5 gms.
Total	= 76.5 gms.

Package No. 14

(i) Jewellery	= 47.5 gms.
(ii) Jewellery	= 1.5 gms.
(iii) Jewellery	= 1.5 gms.
Wrapper	= 26 gms.
Total	= 76.5 gms.

Ayer's Lot

Bundle No. 1 (now called package No.15)

(i) Gold	= 300.5 gms.
Wrapper	= 36.5 gms.
Total	= 337 gms.

Bundle No. 2 (Gunny bag) (now called package No.16)

(A)	= 73 gms.
(B)	= 2.5 gms.
(C)	= 7.7 gms.
(D)	= 230 gms.
(E)	= 108 gms.
(F)	= 33 gms.
(G)	= 82 gms.
(H)	= 233.5 gms.
(I)	= 38.5 gms.

Main Big Lump	= 2.645 kg.
Wrapper	= 218 gms.
Total	= 3.6712 kg.

Bundle No. 3 (Cloth bag) (now called package No.17)

- (A) = 169.5 gms.
- (B) = 59.5 gms.
- (C) = 23 gms.
- (D) = 30.5 gms.
- (E) = 8.5 gms.
- (F) = 7.5 gms.
- (G) = 668 gms.

Wrapper & waste = 758.5 gms.

Total = 1.725 kg.

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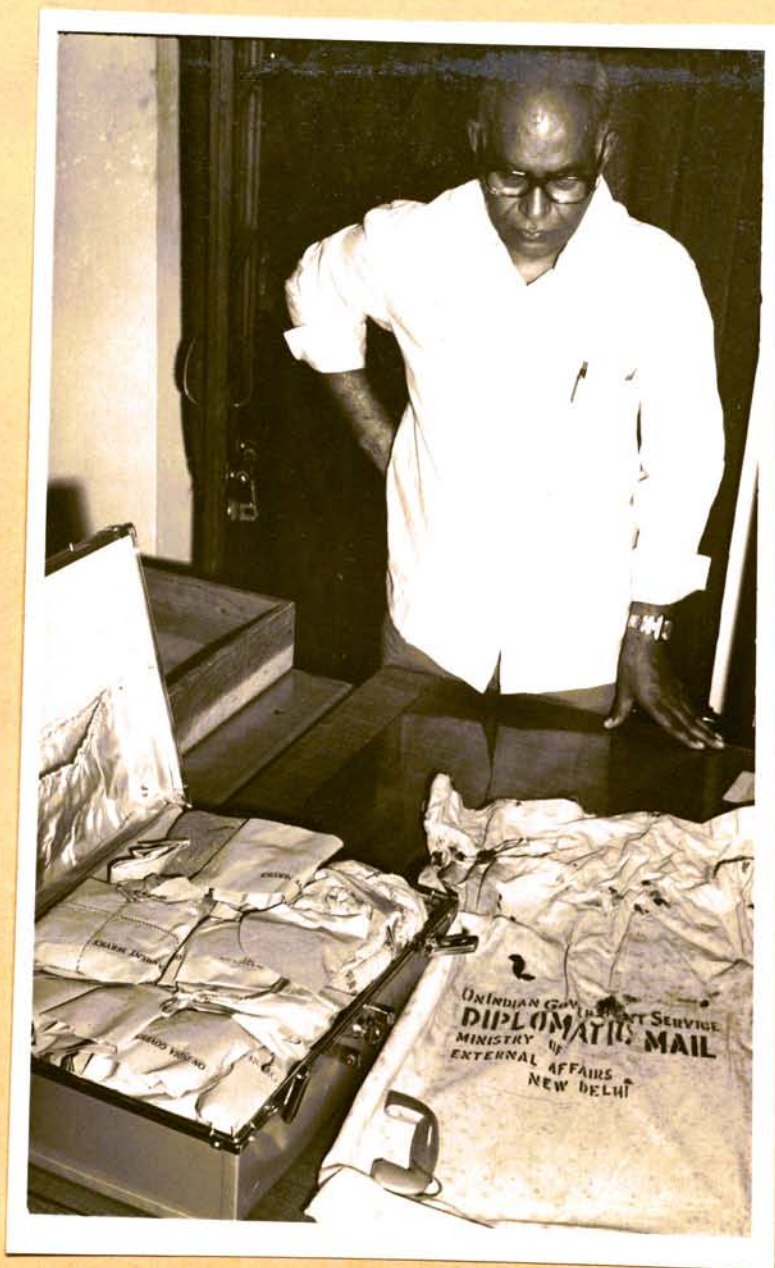


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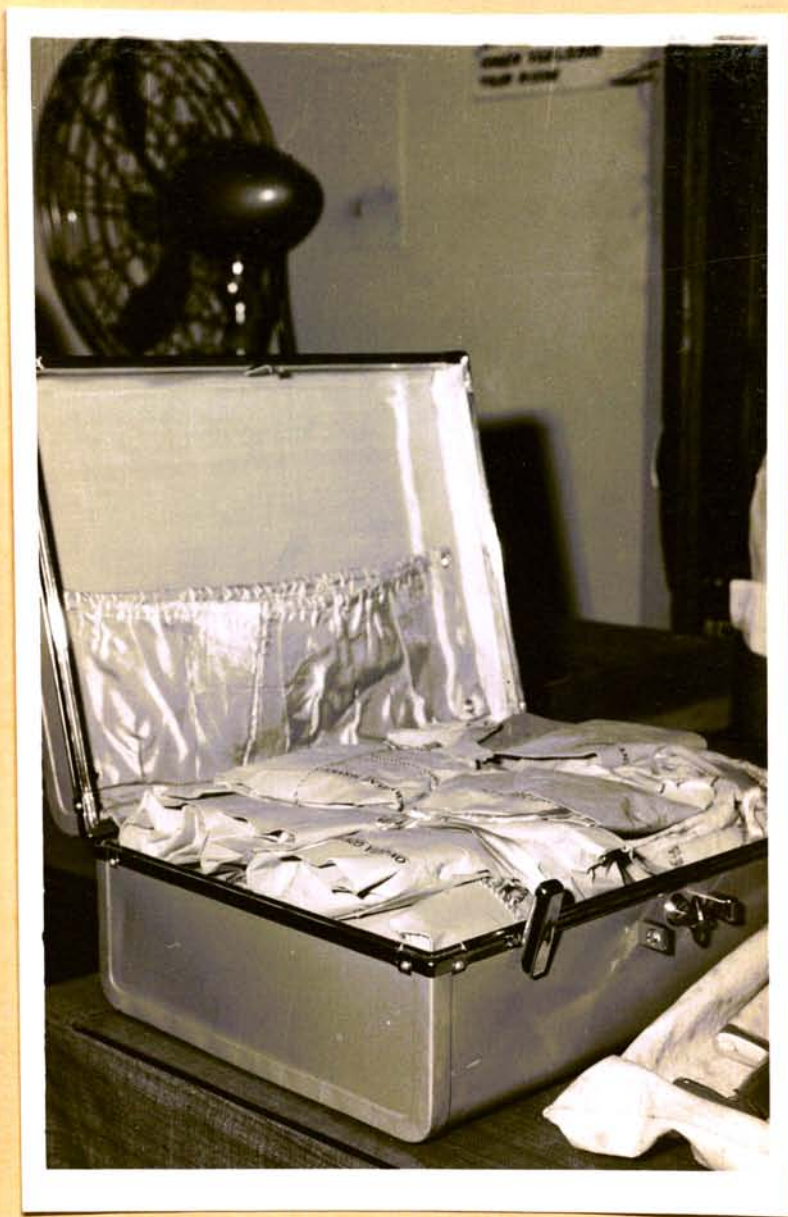


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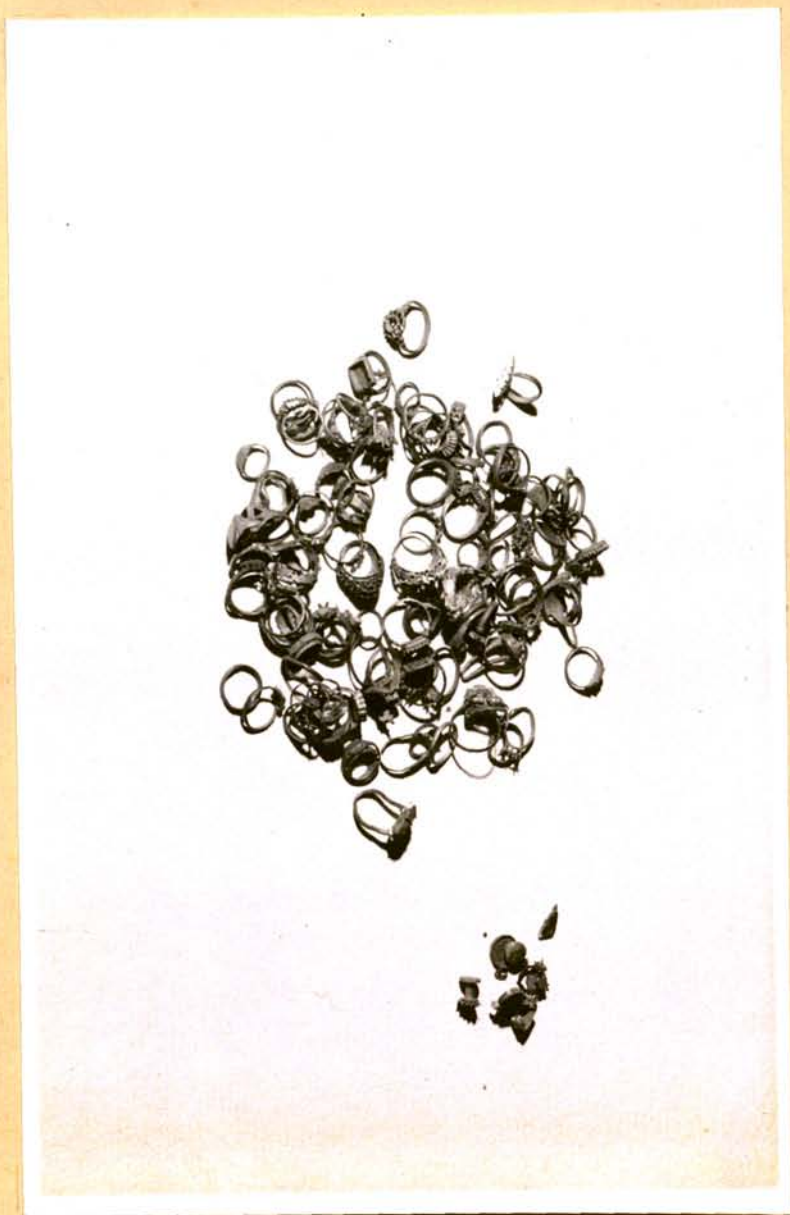


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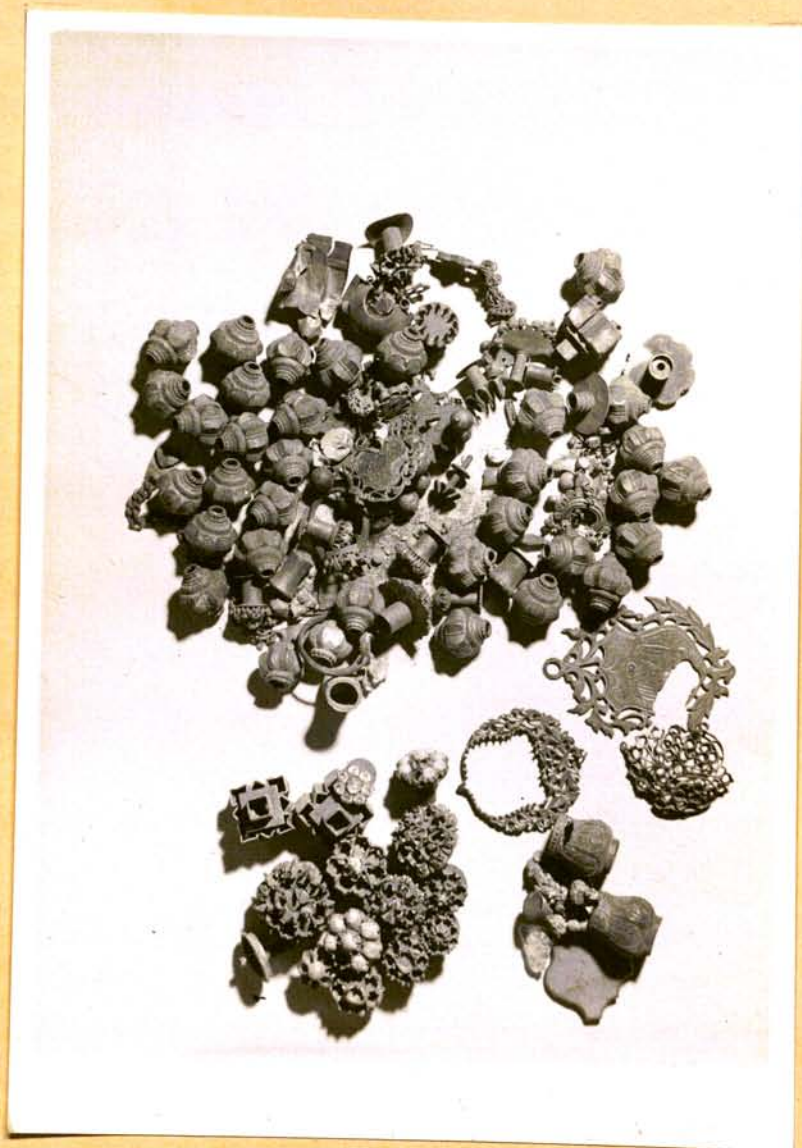


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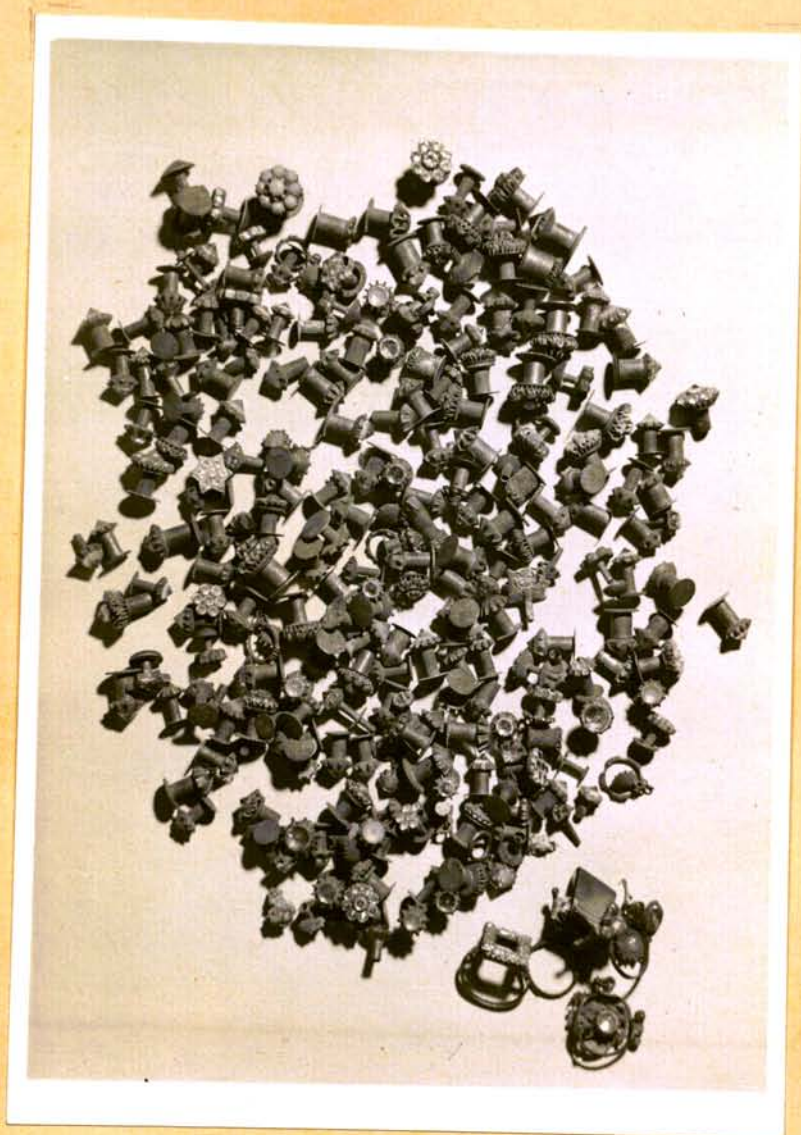


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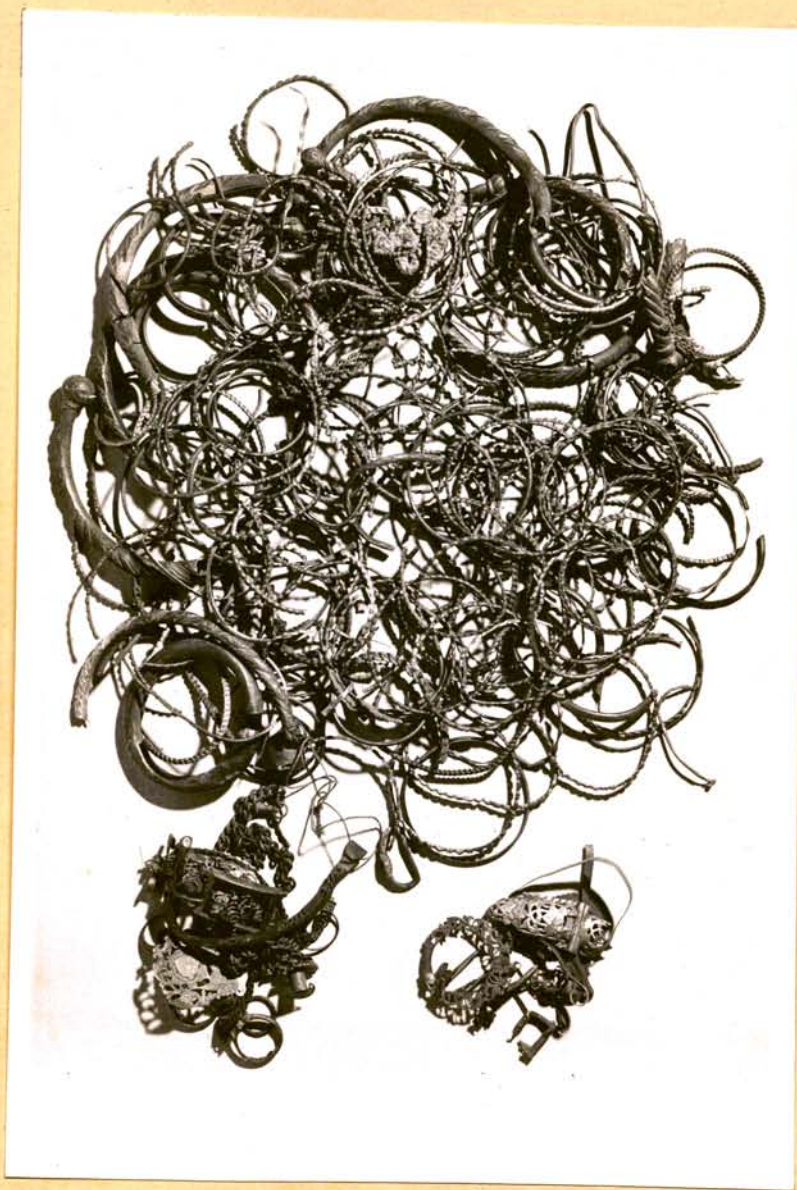


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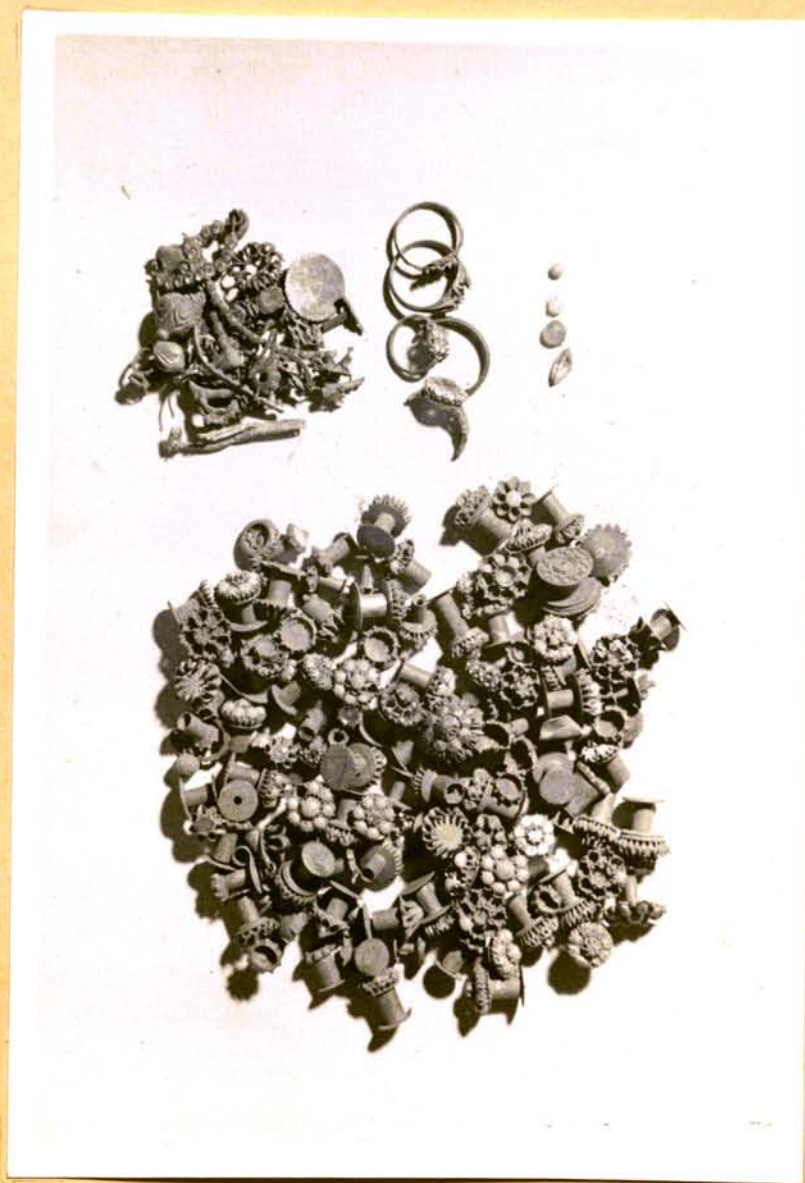


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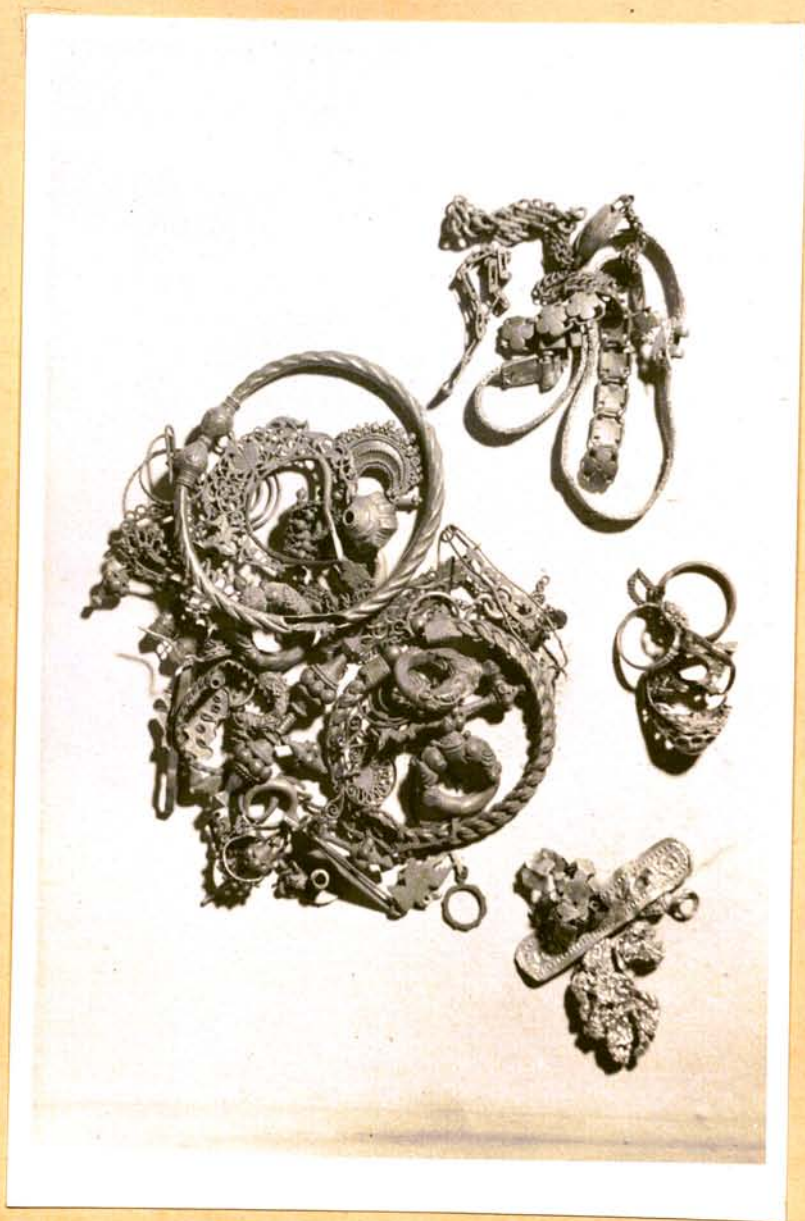


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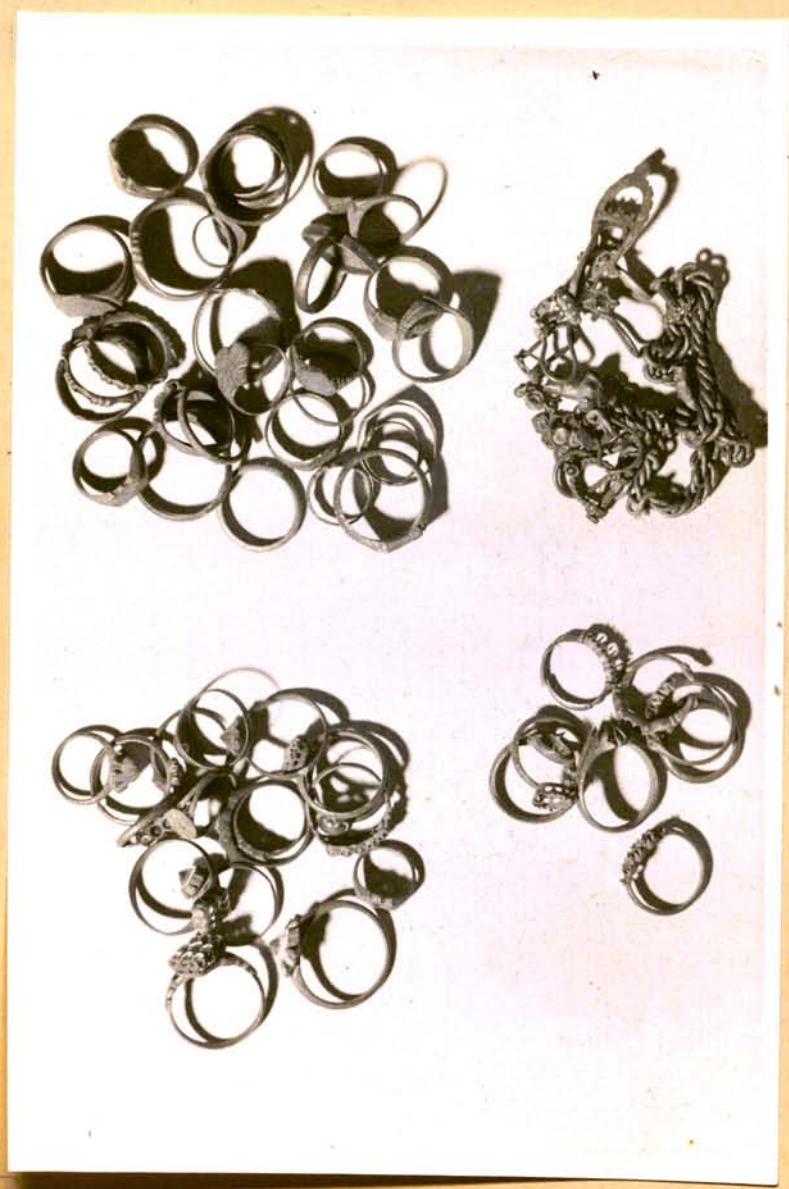


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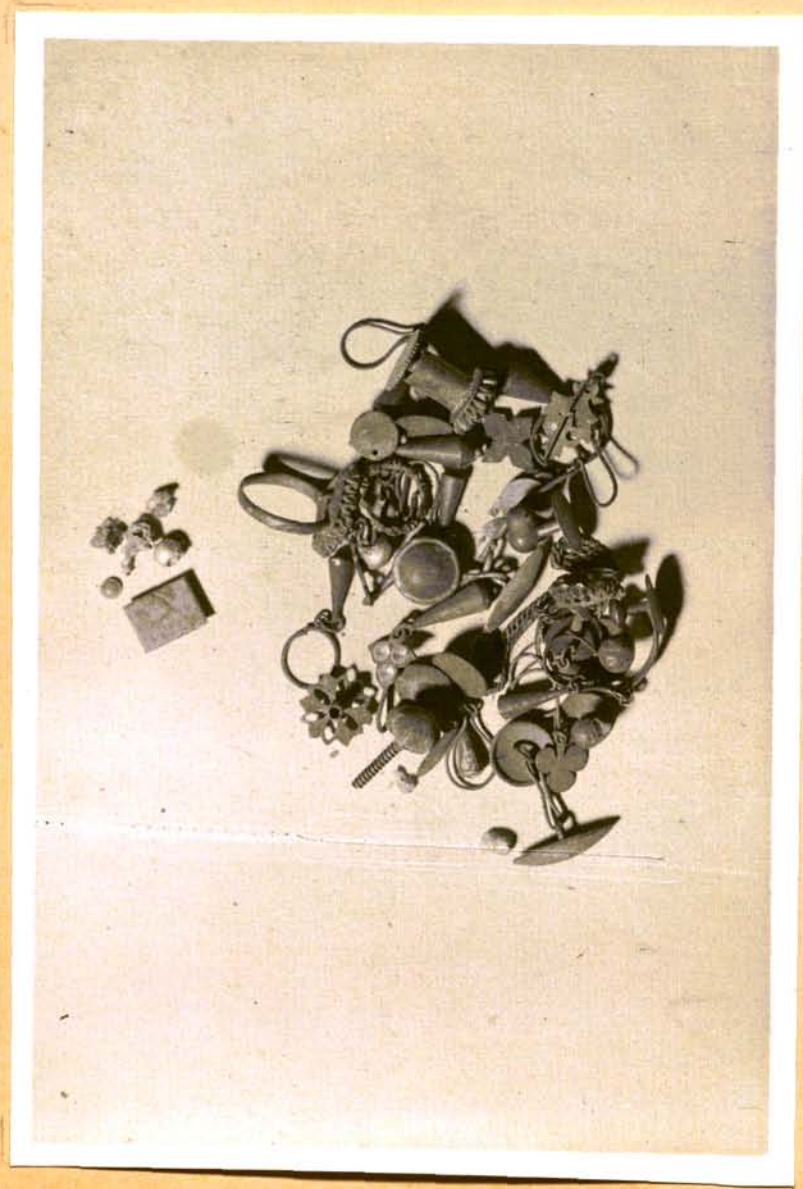


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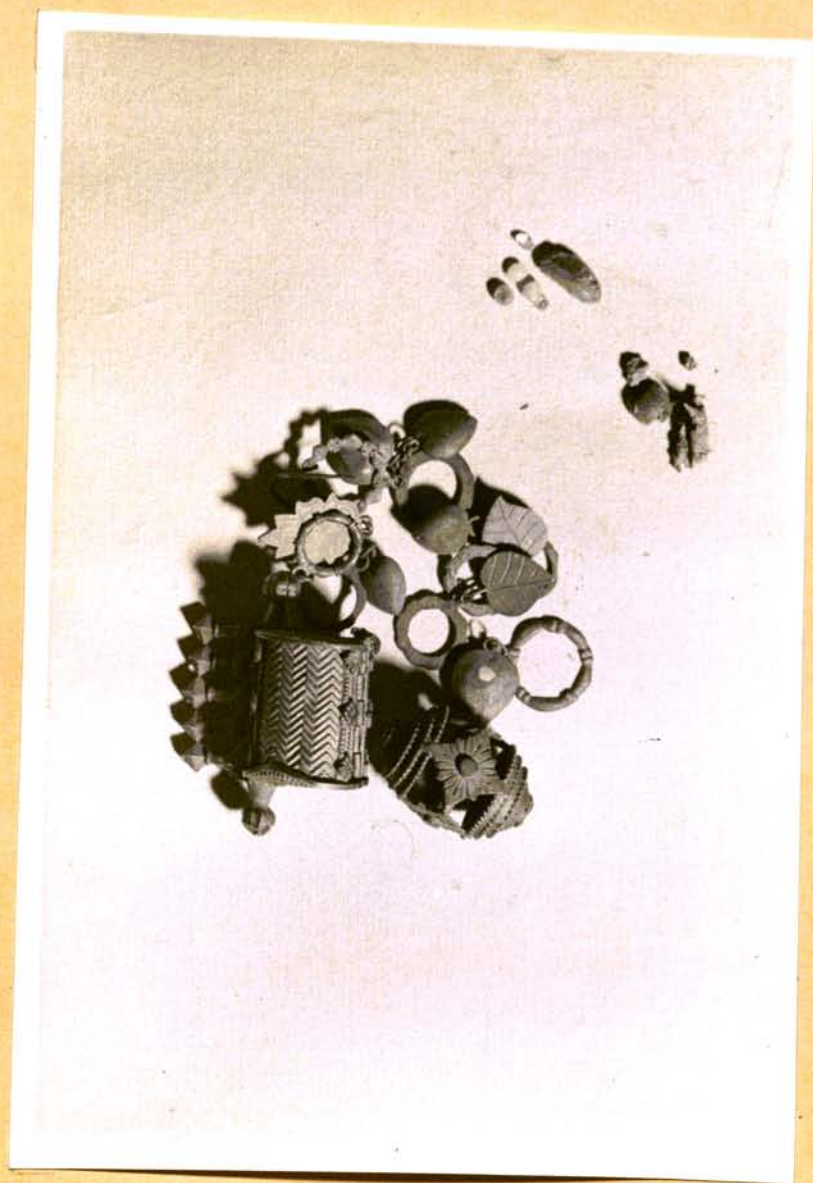


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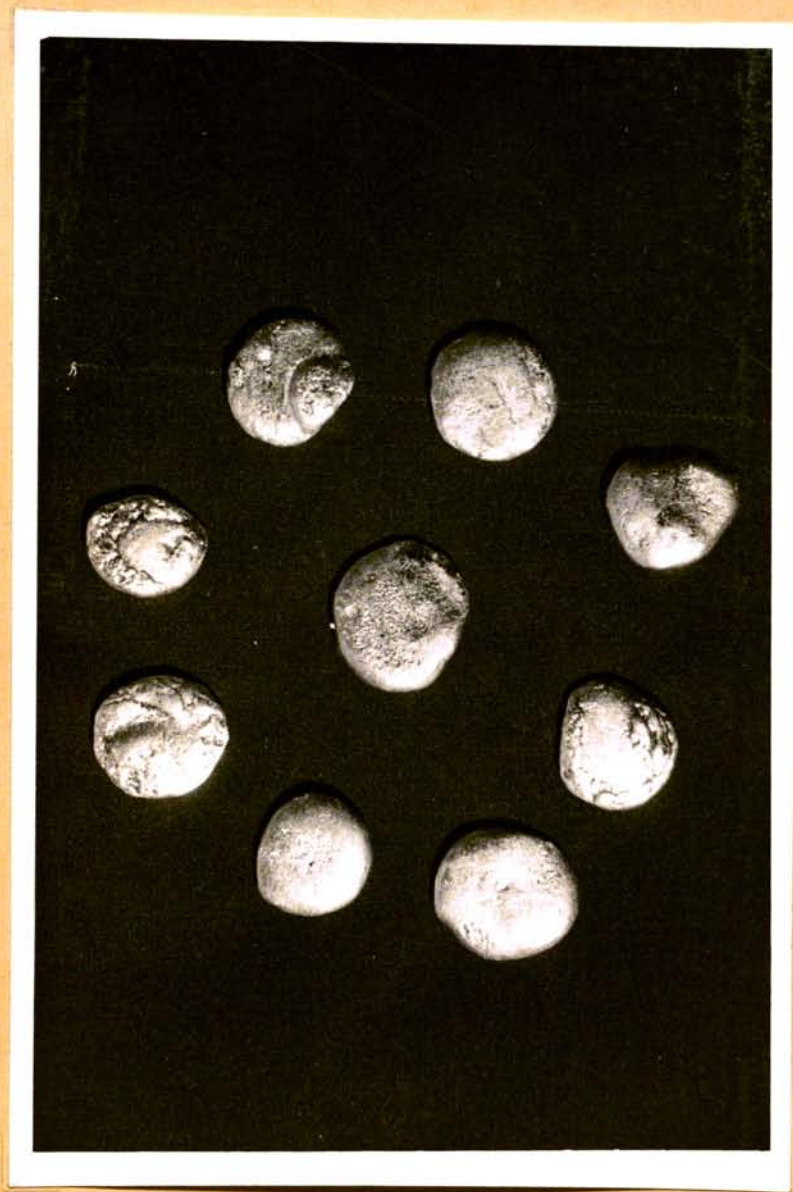


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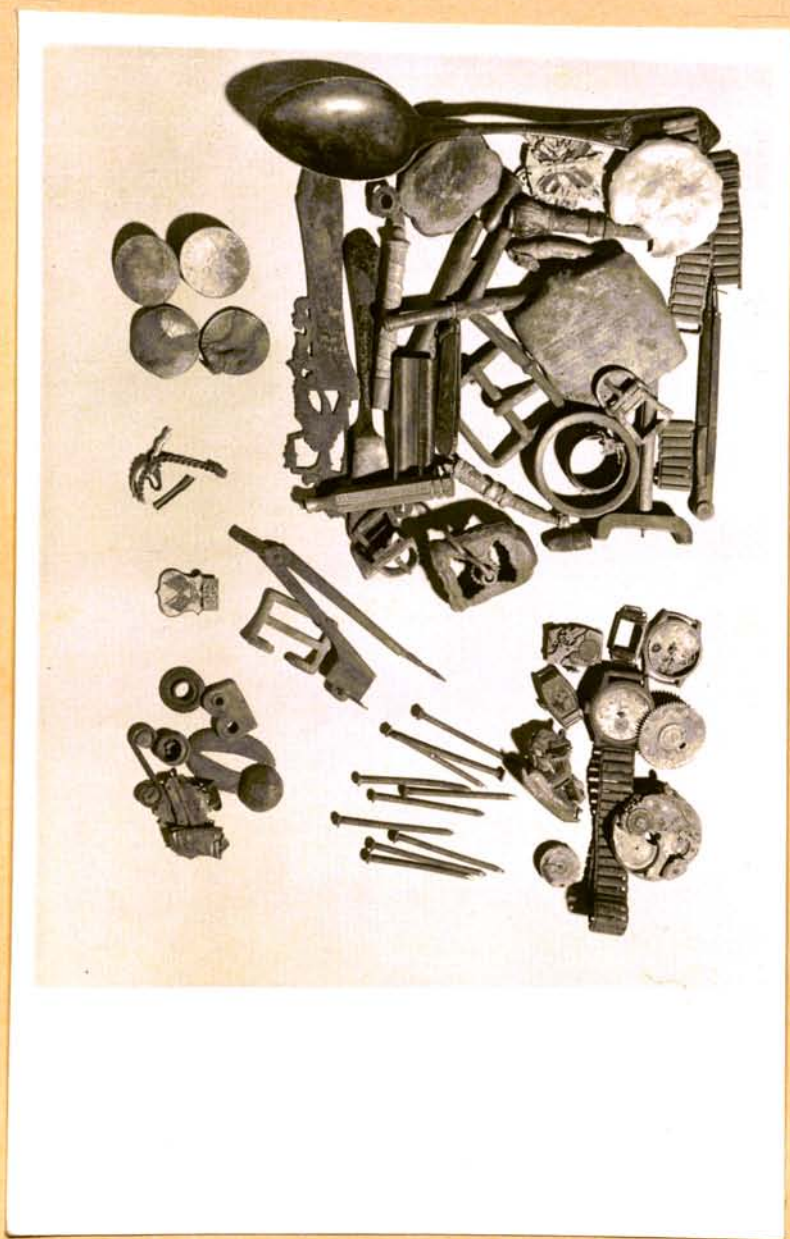


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